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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A method for electronically creating a contract between a buyer and a seller in an online transaction by means of a shopping token that contains a plurality of agreement terms; wherein the shopping token is created in a single file at a single computer so that it is not necessary to check out the file from a server computer to a client computer and to check in the file from the client computer to the server computer; and wherein the shopping token is created without linking a compilation of business rules residing on an administrator organization electronic commerce system to a terms and conditions set.

2. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 comprising:

creating an XML file; and

responsive to the addition of a buyer digital signature and a seller digital signature to the XML file, saving the XML file as the shopping token;

wherein data in the shopping token cannot be cut and pasted from the shopping token, the shopping token can be stored on a buyer computer, a seller computer, or a third party computer, and the shopping token is indexed so that it can be distinguished from another shopping token.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

adding a seller's personal information to the XML file;

adding a buyer's personal information to the XML file;

adding information regarding a good to the XML file; and

adding a plurality of terms to the XML file.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

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presenting the terms to the buyer and the seller;

determining whether the buyer and the seller agree with the terms; and

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller agree with the terms, adding a buyer digital signature and a seller digital signature to the XML file to create a shopping token.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising:

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller do not agree with the terms, accepting a modification to the terms.

6. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the shopping token is a created after the buyer is aware of the delivery date for the good.

7. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the shopping token may be configured so that the shopping token is not modifiable by the buyer or the seller.

8. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the shopping token is stored on a third party computer and is accessible by the buyer and the seller.

9. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the shopping token contains warranty information for the good.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the shopping token ~~is used for~~ provides price protection for the good.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the shopping token ~~is used for~~provides price promotion for the good.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the shopping token ~~is used~~provides ~~by a potential buyer to analyze~~ a seller's history.

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13. Cancelled.

14. (Currently amended) A program product for electronically creating a contract between a buyer and a seller in an online transaction by means of a shopping token that contains a plurality of agreement terms comprising:

a computer-usable medium;

wherein the computer usable medium comprises instructions for a computer to perform steps comprising:

instructions for creating an XML file; ~~and~~

responsive to the addition of a buyer digital signature and a seller digital signature to the XML file, instructions for saving the XML file as the shopping token;

instructions for creating the shopping token in a single file at a single computer so that it is not necessary to check out the file from a server computer to a client computer and to check in the file from the client computer to the server computer; and

wherein the shopping token is created without linking a compilation of business rules residing on an administrator organization electronic commerce system to a terms and conditions set.

15. (Previously amended) The program product of claim 14 further comprising:

instructions for adding a seller's personal information to the XML file;

instructions for adding a buyer's personal information to the XML file;

instructions for adding information regarding a good to the XML file;

instructions for adding a plurality of terms to the XML file;

instructions to prevent data from being cut and pasted from the shopping token; and

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instructions to index the shopping token so that it can be distinguished from another shopping token.

16. (Original) The program product of claim 15 further comprising:

instructions for presenting the terms to the buyer and the seller;

instructions for determining whether the buyer and the seller agree with the terms; and

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller agree with the terms, instructions for adding a buyer digital signature and a seller digital signature to the XML file to create a shopping token.

17. (Original) The program product of claim 16 further comprising:

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller do not agree with the terms, instructions for accepting a modification to the terms.

18. (Original) The program product of claim 14 wherein the shopping token is a created after the buyer is aware of the delivery date for the good.

19. (Original) The program product of claim 14 wherein the shopping token may be configured so that the shopping token is not modifiable by the buyer or the seller.

20. (Original) The program product of claim 14 wherein the shopping token is stored on a third party computer and is accessible by the buyer and the seller.

21. (Original) The program product of claim 14 wherein the shopping token contains warranty information for the good.

22. (Currently amended) The program product of claim 14 wherein the shopping token ~~is used for~~ provides price protection for the good.

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23. (Currently amended) The program product of claim 14 wherein the shopping token ~~is used for~~provides price promotion for the good.

24. (Currently amended) The program product of claim 14 wherein the shopping token ~~is used by a potential buyer to analyze~~provides a seller's history.

25. Cancelled.

26. (Currently amended) A shopping token recorded on a computer readable medium that contains a plurality of agreement terms between a buyer and a seller created by computer implemented steps comprising:

creating an XML file; ~~and~~

responsive to the addition of a buyer digital signature and a seller digital signature to the XML file, saving the XML file as the shopping token;

wherein the shopping token is created in a single file at a single computer so that it is not necessary to check out the file from a server computer to a client computer and to check in the file from the client computer to the server computer;

wherein responsive to creation of the shopping token, a contract is electronically crated between a buyer and a seller in an online transaction; and

wherein the shopping token is created without linking a compilation of business rules residing on an administrator organization electronic commerce system to a terms and conditions set.

27. (Previously amended) The shopping token of claim 26 wherein the steps further comprise:

adding a seller's personal information to the XML file;

adding a buyer's personal information to the XML file;

adding information regarding a good to the XML file;

adding a plurality of terms to the XML file;

securing data in the shopping token so that it cannot be cut and pasted from the shopping token;

responsive to a selection by a buyer, a seller, or a third party, storing the shopping token on a buyer computer, a seller computer, or a third party computer; and

indexing the shopping token so that it can be distinguished from another shopping token.

28. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~shopping token of claim 2 further comprising:

presenting the terms to the buyer and the seller;

determining whether the buyer and the seller agree with the terms; and

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller agree with the terms, adding a buyer digital signature and a seller digital signature to the XML file to create a shopping token.

29. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ shopping token of claim 4 further comprising:

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller do not agree with the terms, accepting a modification to the terms.

30. (Original) The shopping token of claim 26 wherein the shopping token is a created after the buyer is aware of the delivery date for the good.

31. (Original) The shopping token of claim 26 wherein the shopping token may be configured so that the shopping token is not modifiable by the buyer or the seller.

32. (Original) The shopping token of claim 26 wherein the shopping token is stored on a third party computer and is accessible by the buyer and the seller.

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33. (Original) The shopping token of claim 26 wherein the shopping token contains warranty information for the good.

34. (Currently amended) The shopping token of claim 26 wherein the shopping token ~~is used for~~provides price protection for the good.

35. (Currently amended) The shopping token of claim 26 wherein the shopping token ~~is used for~~provides price promotion for the good.

36. (Currently amended) The shopping token of claim 26 wherein the shopping token ~~is used by a potential buyer to analyze~~provides a seller's history.

37. (Currently amended) An apparatus for creating a shopping token that contains a plurality of agreement terms between a buyer and a seller comprising:

means for creating an XML file;

means for adding a seller's personal information to the XML file;

means for adding a buyer's personal information to the XML file;

means for adding information regarding a good to the XML file;

means for adding a plurality of terms to the XML file;

means for presenting the terms to the buyer and the seller;

means for determining whether the buyer and the seller agree with the terms; and

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller agree with the terms, means for adding a buyer digital signature and a seller digital signature to the XML file to create a shopping token;

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller do not agree with the terms, means for accepting a modification to the terms;

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wherein the shopping token is a created after the buyer is aware of the delivery date for the good;

wherein the shopping token may be configured so that the shopping token is not modifiable by the buyer or the seller;

wherein the shopping token is stored on a third party computer and is accessible by the buyer and the seller;

wherein the shopping token is created in a single file at a single computer so that it is not necessary to check out the file from a server computer to a client computer and to check in the file from the client computer to the server computer; ~~and~~

wherein data in the shopping token cannot be cut and pasted from the shopping token, the shopping token can be stored on a buyer computer, a seller computer, or a third party computer, and the shopping token is indexed so that it can be distinguished from another shopping token; and

wherein the shopping token is created without linking a compilation of business rules residing on an administrator organization electronic commerce system to a terms and conditions set.

38. (Original) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the shopping token contains warranty information for the good.

39. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the shopping token ~~is used for~~ provides price protection for the good.

40. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the shopping token ~~is used for~~provides price promotion for the good.

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41. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the shopping token ~~is used by a potential buyer to analyze~~provides a seller's history.

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